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This talk briefly sketches two proposed approaches where nonassociativity is used to model observable properties of a physical quantum system. The first approach aims at understanding strongly coupled fields, such as the strong force of the Standard Model, which is modeled through unobservable interaction partners and has a limited interaction radius. The second approach investigates algebraic properties of exponentiation in the complex numbers, for a proposed generalization of Born's rule in quantum mechanics when using octonions. (Received September 14, 2010)